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SUBJECT: TURKISH PRIME MINISTER'S RESIGNATION

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PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT IS REPORTED TO HAVE SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION FOR THE SECOND TIME IN TWO WEEKS. HE IS LIKELY TO BE ASKED TO STAY ON TO HEAD A CARETAKER GOVERNMENT. SULEYMAN DEMIREL, HEAD OF THE JUSTICE PARTY, IS NOW THE PROBABLE CHOICE OF PRESIDENT KORUTURK TO TRY TO ORGANIZE A NEW COALITION.

ECEVIT WAS REJECTED FOR A SECOND TIME IN HIS EFFORT TO BRING THE CONSERVATIVE DEMOCRATIC PARTY INTO A COALITION EVEN THOUGH HE WAS WILLING TO DROP HIS INSISTENCE ON HOLDING ELECTIONS BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. ECEVIT HAS TOLD THE US EMBASSY IN ANKARA THAT HE

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BELIEVES THE RIGHTIST FORCES MUST BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO TRY TO FORM A NEW GOVERNMENT BEFORE THE DEMOCRATS WILL BE WILLING TO JOIN HIS LEFT-OFF-CENTER REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY IN FORMING A GOVERNMENT.

THE THREE RIGHT-OFF-CENTER PARTIES IN PARLIAMENT WOULD CONSTITUTE A MAJORITY IF THEY AGREE ON A COALITION, BUT BITTER PERSONAL RIVALRIES SEEN LIKELY TO PREVENT SUCH AN AGREEMENT. A RIGHTIST COALITION WOULD BE MUCH MORE LIKELY IF THE CONTROVERSIAL DEMIREL WOULD AGREE TO LET ANOTHER POLITICIAN LEAD IT.

A CARETAKER GOVERNMENT WILL ASSURE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CONTINUITY, BUT WILL BE UNABLE TO TAKE ANY NEW INITIATIVES. IF THE RIGHTIST PARTIES SUCCEED IN FORMING A COALITION, IT SHOULD SIGNAL NO RADICAL CHANGES IN TURKEY'S POLICY TOWARD CYPRUS OR ON THE OPIUM QUESTION. A NEW GOVERNMENT WITHOUT ECEVIT MIGHT, HOWEVER, BE LESS INCLINED TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS TO ACHIEVE A SETTLEMENT ON CYPRUS BECAUSE THAT WOULD OPEN THEM TO THE CHARGE FROM ECEVIT OF SELLING OUT WHAT HE HAD GAINED. C-2 IMPDET.

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